

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

At a time when the freedoms that Americans enjoy have been threatened by outside forces, it is more urgent than ever to preserve and reinforce them. Of them all, the free flow of information is perhaps most essential for the preservation of our democracy. If regulations were to make it possible for only one or two media mega-giants to own all cable access to American homes, the risk to the free flow of information would be grave. I urge you not to weaken the current regulations on media ownership.